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SUBJECT: ALLEGED USG SUPPORT FOR PAST OIL PRICE INCREASES

1. THE DECEMBER 6 LIMA PRESS CARRIED A SPANISH NEWS SERVICE (EFE) ARTICLE ALLEGING SECRET USG SUPPORT FOR PETROLEUM PRICE HIKES. EFE RELEASE IS BASED ON AN ARTICLE BY V.H. OPPENHEIM IN THE LAST EDITION OF THE U.S. QUARTERLY FOREIGN POLICY.

2. THE ARTICLE QUOTES FROM A LETTER SAID TO BE WRITTEN BY THE SAUDI OIL MINISTER TO TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON IN WHICH THE SAUDI STATES THAT "YOU (THE U.S.) SUPPORT THE INCREASE FOR OBVIOUS POLITICAL REASONS AND ANY OFFICIAL POSITION TO THE CONTRARY IS ONLY TO HIDE THE FACTS". OPPENHEIM ALLEGEDLY ASSERTS THAT "SECRETARY KISSINGER PARTICIPATED IN THE POLICY OF SUPPORTING THE (OIL) PRICE INCREASE".

3. DURING DECEMBER 6 USIS-SPONSORED PRESENTATION ON U.S. ELECTIONS BY UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HISTORIAN STANLEY ROSS, JOSE LUIS BROUSSET (WHO IN ADDITION TO BEING DIRECTOR OF THE GOP DAILY LA CRONICA, IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE BANCO POPULAR AND A LEADING ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ), VOCALLY CONTENTED THAT THE U.S. MASTERMINDED PAST OIL PRICE INCREASES IN ORDER TO GAIN ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE OVER JAPAN AND WESTERN EUROPE. THIS "CONSPIRACY" THEORY, WHICH BROUSSET CLAIMS HE HAS HEARD OF FOR SOME TIME, WAS SO ATTRACTIVE THAT HE COULD NOT BE DISSUADED BY VOICES OF REASON.

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4. WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL HEAR MORE OF THIS NEAT HYPOTHESIS

WHEREBY THE "IMPERIALIST" U.S. IS HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
ORCHESTRATION OF OIL PRICE HIKES SO DEVASTATING TO THE THIRD
WORLD. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND
FURTHER DETAILS THE DEPARTMENT OR USIA CAN PROVIDE. ALSO
PLEASE CABLE OR POUCH THE TEXT OF THE OPPENHEIM ARTICLE.
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